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I SHALL make no apology for the following letters, or my own anſwers to them; having been always of opinion that works of criticiſm are the chief ſtrength and ornament of a public paper.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

THOUGH you ſet out with a good grace in the WORLD, I cannot help thinking that a paper now and then upon religion might be very entertaining. I am an officer in country quarters, and as the chaplain to the regiment happens to live altogether in town, I have no opportunity of knowing any thing of that affair, but from what I hear at church.

*I am*, &c.

A. Z.

*To*

*To Mr.* A. Z.

SIR,

THAT no officer in quarters may be under the neceſſity of going to church, the WORLD, for the future, ſhall be a religious one. *I am*, &c.

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

I BELONG to a club of very ſerious clergymen, and am glad (ſo is every one of us) that you do not intend to meddle with religion in your paper. It is certainly a ſubject of too much dignity and importance to be treated of in eſſays, which ſeem devoted to humour and the ridicule of folly. In the name of the whole club

*I am*, &c.

J. C.

*To Mr.* J. C.

SIR,

AS it will be always my ambition to ſtand well with the clergy, they may aſſure themſelves that the WORLD ſhall have no religion in it.

*I am*, &c.

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

I CANNOT help being offended at your want of correctneſs in a paper, which, in other reſpects, deſerves approbation. In number I. you ſay, WARN *men to goodneſs*. The verb *warn* is unwarrantable in this place: we are warned *by* or *from*, but not *to*.—The word ſhould be *incite*; and ſo I have corrected it in my own paper. In number III. line 2. you have the colloquial barbariſm of doing a thing *by* a man inſtead of *to*. I cannot expreſs how much I am hurt at ſo vulgar an impropriety. In number VI. page 34. the verb *diſplay* is uſed inſtead of its

its participle *diſplaying*. Perhaps it is only an error of the preſs: Pray be careful for the future. I am willing to hope that theſe groſs miſtakes are only owing to inadvertency. If ſo, I reſt

*Your admirer*, PHILOLOGOS.

*To* PHILOLOGOS.

SIR,

I SHALL be very careful of miſtakes for the future: and do aſſure you, upon my veracity, that they have hitherto proceeded from nothing but inadvertency. I am, SIR,

*Your obliged ſervant*,

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To* ADAM FITZ-ADAM, *Eſq*;

*Dear* Fitz,

LORD **** and I laid hold of a d——d prig of a univerſity fellow yeſterday, and carried him to our club; where, when the claret began to mount, your paper of the WORLD happened to come upon the tapis. "That ſame Mr. Fitz-Adam, ſays he, is a "very inaccurate writer; peradventure I ſhall take an "opportunity of telling him ſo in a ſhort time." But dear Fitz, if the prig ſhould really ſend you a letter, ſmoke the parſon and be witty. Your inaccuracies, as he calls them, are the characteriſtics of a polite writer: by theſe alone our club is ſure that you are a man of faſhion. Away with pedantry and the grammar! Write like a gentleman, and with Pope, in his eſſay upon critics,

*Snatch a grace beyond the reach of nature.*

*Yours*, A. B.

*To Mr.* A. B.

SIR,

IN compliance with your advice, I ſhall avoid the pedantry of grammar, and be perfectly the gentleman in my future eſſays. I am

*Your moſt obedient*,

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

I DO not write to you to have the pleaſure of ſeeing myſelf in print: it is only to give you a little friendly advice. Take care of novels: the town ſwarms with them. That fooliſh ſtory of Mrs. Wilſon, in your fourth and fifth papers, made me cry out that the WORLD was at an end! *Yours,* TOM TELL-TRUTH.

*To Mr.* TELL-TRUTH.

SIR,

I THANK you for the caution, and will write no more novels. *Your moſt humble ſervant,*

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

YOUR predeceſſor, the Spectator, did not think his labours altogether uſeleſs, which were dedicated to us women. Thoſe elegant moral tales, which make their appearance ſo frequently in his works, are ſo many proofs of his regard for us. From the fourth and fifth numbers of the WORLD we have the pleaſure of hoping that the Spectator is revived among us. The ſtory of Mrs. Wilſon is a leſſon of inſtruction to every woman in the kingdom, and has given the author of it as many friends as he has readers among the ſex. I am, SIR,

*Your real admirer and humble ſervant,* L. B.

*To Miſs* L. B.

MADAM,

AS it will be always my chief happineſs to pleaſe the ladies, I ſhall devote my future papers entirely to novels. *Your obliged and moſt obedient ſervant,*

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*To Mr.* FITZ-ADAM.

SIR,

IF a plain grave man may have leave to tell you a little truth, I muſt inform you, that, though I like your *manner* very much, I have great objections to your

*matter*

*matter*. He who only ſkims ſurfaces, will gather nothing but ſtraws. If you are the philoſopher you would have us think you, give us ſomething that may reſt upon the memory, and improve while it entertains. *I am*, &c.

AMICUS.

*To* AMICUS.

SIR,

THE WORLD, for the future, ſhall be grave and philoſophical; the *matter* ſhall be regarded, and not the *manner*. *I am*, &c.

A. FITZ-ADAM.

*A Monſieur* FITZ-ADAM.

JE ſuis enchanté, mon cher monſieur, de votre MONDE. Depuis deux ans que je ſuis à Londres, j'ai appris aſſez d'Anglois pour l'entendre perfaitement, mais je ne ſuis pas ſi habile que Voltaire, pour l'ecrire. Vous avez ſaiſi tout à fait l'eſprit Francois; tant d'enjouement, de legereté, et de vivacité!——Parbleu, c'eſt charmant! Donnez nous de temps en temps un vaudeville, ou quelque petite chanſon à boire, & je me croirai à Paris. Le ſeul petit defaut que vous avez, c'eſt que vous ſentez trop le MONDE ſage, il ne vous manque qu'un peu du MONDE fou, pour plaire à tout le MONDE, et ſurtout à celui qui a l'honneur d'etre, monſieur,

*Votre tres humble et tres obeiſſant ſerviteur*,

DOURILLAC.

*A Monſieur* DOURILLAC.

VOUS pouvez conter, monſieur, qu'il n'y a rien au monde que je ne faſſe pour captiver la bien-veillance d'un ſi aimable homme. Tout ce qu'il y a de gai, de volatile, et meme evaporé coulera deſormais de ma plume. I'ai l'honneur d'etre, monſieur,

*Votre tres humble et tres obeiſſant ſerviteur*,

FITZ-ADAM.